

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee Fall Board Meeting
Heritage Inn, Room 201, Great Falls
October 25, 2007

(Note: Please read entire set of minutes as various topics are referenced in more than one place.)

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Frank Schoonover	Don Fast
Melvin Goffena	Kim Holzer
Arlo Skari	Brian Kaae
Don Chaffee	

EX-OFFICIOS

Marvin Blodgett, Grain Merchandiser; General Mills
Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director; Montana Ag Experiment Station
Ron de Yong, Director; Montana Department of Agriculture

STAFF

Kim Falcon
Cheryl Tuck
Kolleen Spurgin

GUESTS

Terry Whiteside, Freight Rate Consultant; Whiteside and Associates
Peggy Stringer, Head Statistician; Montana Agricultural Statistics Service
Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director and Administrator; Agricultural Development Division, Montana Department of Agriculture
Lola Raska, Executive Vice President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Dave Henderson, Vice President; National Barley Growers Association
Dan Kidd, Producer, Big Sandy and Past MW & BC Director, District 4
Tana Craigle, Administrative Assistant; Montana Department of Agriculture
Janice Mattson, Producer, Chester and Past MW & BC Director, District 3
Will Roehm, Vice President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Craig Essebaggers, Bureau Chief; Montana State Grain Laboratory

An executive session of the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee was convened at 7:30 a.m. on October 25, 2007. Chairman Frank Schoonover called the regular business portion of the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. Introductions of guests and new directors were made and public comment was called for.

1) M/S/C Don Fast/Melvin Goffena – That the minutes be approved as submitted.

2) M/S/C Brian Kaae/Don Fast – That the FYE 2007 (through June 30, 2007) and September FY 2008 financial reports be accepted as presented.

3) M/S/C Don Fast/Melvin Goffena – That Janice Mattson continue to represent Montana on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Wheat Associates board and that she be funded to attend three meetings for this fiscal year.

Reports were given as indicated in the included agenda.

TENTATIVE AGENDA
Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
Fall Board of Directors' Meeting
The Heritage Inn, Room 201, Great Falls

- 7:30 a.m. Executive Session (MW & BC Directors)
- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order, Introduction of new directors, guests and staff. Adoption of the Agenda, Frank Schoonover, Chairman.
Call for public comment. 8:15 a.m. Minutes of Summer Board Meeting – Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President.
- 8:30 a.m. FY 2007 Year End and First Quarter FY 2008 Financial Reports and Collections Update – Kolleen Spurgin, Administrative Assistant.
- 9:20 a.m. U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA) Board Meeting Reports – Chairman Schoonover, Janice Mattson, USWA Secretary Treasurer, and Falcon.
- 10:00 a.m. **Committee Photos**
- 10:20 a.m. Weat Foods Council (WFC) update – Brian Kaae, Director and National Barley Foods Council (NBFC) Report – Cheryl Tuck, Business Manager.
- 10:40 a.m. U.S. Grains Council (USGC) Summer Board Meeting Report, Don Fast, Barley Sector Director and Falcon.
- 11:00 a.m. Montana State University/College of Agriculture Update – Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean.
- 11:20 a.m. “View From the Trade”, Marvin Blodgett, Merchandiser, Shafer Commodities.
- 11:40 a.m. Montana Agricultural Statistics Service Report – Peggy Stringer, Head Statistician, Montana Agriculture Statistics Service (MASS).
- NOON **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Montana Department of Agriculture Update – Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA).
State Grain Laboratory Update.
- 2:00 p.m. **Break.**
- 2:15 p.m. Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA) and National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Update – Darin Arganbright, President MGGA; National Barley Growers Association Update, Dave Henderson, Vice President, NBGA, and Conservation and Harmonization Update, Carl Mattson, Conservation and Farm Programs Associate, MGGA.
- 2:45 p.m. Northern Crops Institute (NCI) Update – Kaae, and Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) Report – Kim Holzer, Director.
- 3:00 p.m. Election of Officers and Designation of Committee Assignments for 2007-2008.
- 4:00 p.m. Executive Vice President's Report - Falcon.
- New Business**
- Hard Red Winter wheat survey
 - Determine next meeting date
 - Possible Assessment Increase
 - Staff Travel – formal approval needed
- Other?**
- Upcoming Events**
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| Oct. 23-25 | Alternative Energy Resources Org., Hot Springs |
| Oct. 26-27 | Montana Farmers Union Convention, Great Falls |
| Nov. 1 | Special Registrations Meeting, Helena |
| Nov. 1 | BNSF China State Grain Meeting, Great Falls |
| Nov. 2-3 | MSU Ag Appreciation Weekend, Bozeman |
| Nov. 3-10 | USGC SBS Asia Mission |
| Nov. 11-14 | Montana Farm Bureau Federation Conf., Missoula |

Upcoming Events, continued

Nov. 11-14	Latin Am. Millers Assn. (ALIM) Conf., Lima, Peru
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day – office closed
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
Dec. 4	MW & BC Interim Board Mtg., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., GF
Dec. 4	MW & BC 40 th Anniversary Event, 6:30 p.m. GF
Dec. 4-6	MGGA Convention, Great Falls
Dec. 6	MW & BC Portion of MGGA Conv. 10-11 a.m., GF
Dec. 12-15	Montana Stockgrowers Assn. Conv., Billings
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – office closed
Jan. 1, 2008	New Year's Day – office closed
Jan. 9-12	Young Ag Couple's Conf., Helena
Jan. 16-19	Malt & Malting Barley Conf., Panama/Costa Rica *
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day – office closed
Jan. 29-31	MGEA/MABA Convention, Great Falls
Jan. 30-31	Wheat Foods Council Meeting, Denver
Feb. 3-5	USWA/NAWG Winter Board Meeting, DC *
Feb. 8-13	USGC Board Meeting, San Antonio *
Feb. 14-16	Montana Agri Trade Exposition, Billings
Feb. 18	President's Day – office closed
Feb. 21	MSU Research Review, Bozeman
Feb. 22	MW & BC Winter Board Meeting, Bozeman
Feb. 21-22	Ag Outlook Forum, Arlington, Virginia
Feb. 28-March 1	Commodity Classic, Nashville *
March 14-15	Northeastern Farm Expo, Plentywood
July 20-22	USGC Summer Board Meeting, Anchorage
July 26-28	USWA Summer Board Meeting, Kansas City
Nov. 1-3	USWA/NAWG Fall Board Meeting, Dallas

* Staff Travel – formal approval needed

6:00 p.m. *Working, hosted dinner for MW & BC Directors/staff at the Heritage Inn.*
40th Anniversary plans and explanation of enclosures for new members – Tuck.
Plans for MW & BC portion of MGGA convention – Falcon.

Directors are encouraged to attend the Montana Farmers Union convention at the Heritage Inn and assist at manning the booth on October 26th, at 1:00 p.m.

Final call for public comment.

4) M/S/C Don Fast/Don Chaffee – That Frank Schoonover be nominated to serve a second term as Chairman of the Committee. A unanimous voice ballot was cast.

5) M/S/C Kim Holzer/Melvin Goffena – That Brian Kaae be nominated to serve a second term as Vice Chairman of the Committee. A unanimous voice ballot was cast.

6) M/S/C Arlo Skari/Don Fast – That funding already committed to special projects now be specifically allocated to the MGGA Convention Presentation (\$2,000), the North Dakota Study "Impacts of Dual Market for Wheat in Canada" (\$5,000) and the Cargo Preference Project/Tom Mick (\$1,000), all to come from USWA special projects.

7) M/S/C Brian Kaae/Melvin Goffena – That the Committee fund \$48,930, out of reserves, for a new proposal from the State Grain Lab for Funds for Software Update and Staff Training and Transition, but Ron de Yong, Director of the Montana Department of Agriculture and Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, are to investigate how

indirect costs for the Grain Lab can possibly be spread throughout the entire department in the future, rather than be the sole responsibility of the MW & BC.

8) M/S/C Don Fast/Kim Holzer – That \$241,536 be taken from reserves to address a budget shortfall. The new proposals for Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences (\$10,000) and MSU Research Cereal Quality Lab Equipment and Personnel (\$106,450), will be tabled for review until the upcoming budget meeting for FY 2009.

9) M/S/C Don Fast/Kim Holzer – That staff travel for the following be approved:

Kim Falcon

Jan. 16-19, 2008	Malt and Malting Barley Conference, Panama
Feb. 3-5	USWA/NAWG Winter Board Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Feb. 8-13	USGC Winter Board Meeting, San Antonio
Feb. 28-March 1	Commodity Classic, Nashville
July 20-22	USGC Summer Board Meeting, Anchorage
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Cheryl Tuck

Feb. 3-5, 2008	USWA/NAWG Winter Board Meeting, Washington, D.C.
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Committee board assignments were made and appear on the following page.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

MW & BC BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

OCT. 2007 – SEPT. 2008

U. S. WHEAT ASSOCIATES	
Board Member	Frank Schoonover
Board Member	
Alternate Board Member	Melvin Goffena
U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL	
Board Member	Don Fast
Alternate Board Member	Arlo Skari
WHEAT MARKETING CENTER	
Board Member	Kim Holzer
Alternate Board Member	Don Fast
NATIONAL BARLEY FOODS COUNCIL	
Board Member	Arlo Skari
Alternate Board Member	Don Chaffee
WHEAT FOODS COUNCIL	
Board Member	Brian Kaae
Alternate Board Member	Kim Holzer
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY	
Liaison	Melvin Goffena
Liaison	Arlo Skari
Liaison	Don Fast
Liaison	Don Chaffee
Variety Release Committee	Frank Schoonover
License Release Committee	Frank Schoonover
Alternate License Release Committee	Melvin Goffena
NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE	
Board Member	Brian Kaae
Alternate Board Member	Don Chaffee
NATIONAL BARLEY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	
Board Member	Brian Kaae
Alternate Board Member	Arlo Skari
NORTHERN PLAINS AG RESEARCH	
Board Member	Don Chaffee
Alternate Board Member	Don Fast
TRANSPORTATION	
	Frank Schoonover
	Kim Holzer

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President

Date